



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC
SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN ELECTRIC)
AND GAS RATES AND FOR CHANGES IN THE)
TARIFFS FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE,)
B.P.U.N.J. No. 14 ELECTRIC AND B.P.U.N.J. No.)
14 GAS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and)
N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 AND FOR APPROVAL OF A)
GAS WEATHER NORMALIZATION CLAUSE; A)
PENSION EXPENSE TRACKER AND FOR)
APPROPRIATE RELIEF)

ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES,
CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN
RATES AND CHARGES

BPU DOCKET NO. GR09050422

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On May 29, 2009, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Petitioner" or "PSE&G"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), filed a petition for approval of an increase in its gas base rates of approximately 2.95% to be effective July 1, 2009 and an increase in its electric base rates of approximately 1.93% to be effective July 2, 2009 for gas and electric service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12. The primary claimed reasons for the requested increases are increased pension contributions, wages and benefit costs; the increased cost of accessing the capital markets; reductions in revenue due to the general economic slowdown and energy conservation and energy efficiency as well as Petitioner's aging infrastructure.

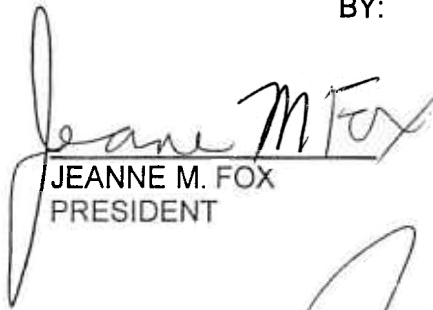
By Order dated November 9, 2006 ("November 9, 2006 Order"), in Docket Nos. GR05100845 and ER02050303 (I/M/O the Petition of PSE&G for Approval of an Increase in Gas Rates, Depreciation Rates for Gas Property and for Changes in the Tariff for Gas Service and I/M/O the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of Changes in Electric Rates, For Changes in the Tariff for Electric Service, B.P.U.N.J. No. 14 Electric Pursuant to N.J.S.A. pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 For Changes in its Electric Depreciation Rates Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, and Other Relief), the Board of Public Utilities approved a stipulation in Petitioner's last gas base rate proceeding and a stipulation in Phase II of Petitioner's last electric base rate proceeding, whereby Petitioner agreed that its current electric and gas distribution rates *will remain in effect until November 15, 2009*.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1) Pursuant to the above noted November 9, 2006 Order, and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be and are suspended until November 15, 2009;
- 2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
- 3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with the Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected County, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected County within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings a suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 7/1/09

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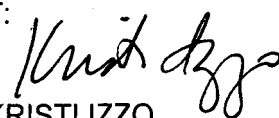

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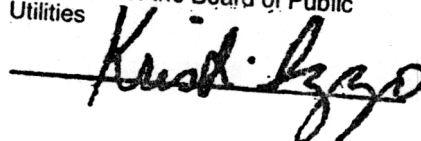

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



I/M/O the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of a Increase in Electric and Gas Rate and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service, BPUNJ No. 14 Gas and for Approval of Gas Weather Normalization Clause; A Pension Expense Tracker and For other Appropriate Relief - BPU Docket No. GR09050422

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